



# YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

### Board Members

Kristina Wilt, Chairwoman  
Mack Smith, Vice Chairman  
Daniel Innerst, Rep. Farmers  
James" Gus" Parlett, Rep. Elected Officials  
Dolores Krick, Rep. Citizens  
Ed Livingston, Rep. Citizens Farmers  
Andrew Baumgardner, Rep. Farmers

### Program Staff

Eric Naylor – Farmland Preservation Technician  
David Boose – Farmland Preservation Specialist  
Patty McCandless – Director

- YCALPB welcomed Dolores Krick of Lower Chanceford and Ed Livingston of Dover Township to the Board in 2018 for three year terms.
- YCALPB Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program received Recertification Approval for another 7 year period on August 9, 2018 from the PA Ag Land Preservation Board.
- York County continues to rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pennsylvania in terms of acres of farmland preserved through Pennsylvania's Ag Conservation Easement Purchase Program.
- Since program establishment in 1989, the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board has preserved 285 farms, covering 42,439 acres of productive farmland.
- Board and staff received a total 43 easement applications on 4,525 acres offered for farmland preservation with 28 qualifying applications ranked, covering 2,591 acres.
- Program inquiries totaled 25 on 2,115 acres.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board selected 3 farms for preservation, covering 618 acres.
- Staff conducted annual inspection visits on 151 farms, covering 26,421 acres of productive farmland.
- YCALPB staff conducted 4 Municipal Agricultural Security Area reviews, in cooperation with YCPC and Municipal Officials. In total, 74 Resolutions were reviewed by ag staff, involved 726 parcels on 36,777 acres. Also in cooperation with York County Planning Commission, mapping updates of the GIS layers involving conservation easements and agricultural security areas continued.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Program conservation requirements contributed to York County's conservation planning efforts on 11 tracts, covering 1,452 acres.
- The York County Board of Commissioners certified \$284,707 for farmland preservation, resulting in a \$ 1,493,652 match from the State for local preservation efforts.
- The YCALP Office, with Conservation Partners, hosted a "Preserving Your Farm" Workshop on December 13, 2018 with 48 in attendance.



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- YCALPB and staff continued to work with the York County Planning Commission and FNLTP to develop a Land Preservation and Protection Strategy Plan.
- YCALPB is a member of the PA Farmland Preservation Association with staff serving on the Policy Committee and attended 1 state association meeting, and Hosted the May 2018 PA Farmland Preservation Association State Conference on Ken and Deb Snyder's preserved farm in Dover Township.
- YCALPB is a member of the York County Agriculture Business Council and assist with Council events such as Ag Exchange, Revs Ag Night, Ag Education Center at the York Fair, and the Ag Recognition Banquet.
- Preserved the Michael and Susan Wilt 40 acre farm in Heidelberg Township by Conservation Easement Donation to the County of York on December 21, 2018.



*Wilt's springhouse alongside their stream, a tributary of Oil Creek.*

- The YCALPB provides citizens with agency farmland preservation information as they maintain the County's Ag Land Preservation Web Page at [www.yorkcountypa.gov](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov)

**"It shall be the mission of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board to protect York County's agricultural resources through the preservation of economically viable farms and the creation and maintenance of stable agricultural communities."**